

City of Raleigh Historic Cemeteries Advisory Board (CORCHAB)-
Monthly Meeting

**Tucker House-418 N. Person Street
September 26, 2017**

Attendees:

David Brown, Chair
Barden Culbreth, Vice-Chair
Terry Harper
Jane Thurman
Amy Howard
Joe Dillon (absent, unexcused)
Ruby Greene
Jenny Harper
Judy Kelly
Staff: Wayne Schindler, Christy Cornell, Ryan Lerch
Guest: Catherine Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

The City of Raleigh Historic Cemeteries Advisory Board met on Tuesday September 26, 2017 at the Tucker House at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair David Brown at 5:32 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Welcome

The Board made introductions to Judy Kelly, the Board's newest member.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

Presentation of Service

Danny was absent from the meeting.

Presentation- Ms. Catherine Anderson

Ms. Catherine Anderson gave a presentation pertaining to restoration work she wishes to provide at Dorothea Dix Park Cemetery (raising and resetting headstones.) It was noted that the Board is just beginning a relationship with the Dix Conservancy. Once a partnership is formalized between the Board and the Conservancy, then perhaps this work can be performed. It was thought that, in the interim, Ms. Anderson can assist Leah Efird with cemetery related research. Wayne and David will follow up with Ms. Anderson in about a week after speaking with Kate Pearce.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

Committee Reports

Landscape Committee-Terry mentioned the Committee met with Kate Pearce and Vista Volunteer, Leah Efir, who has completed considerable research on Dix Cemetery. A proposal has been drafted, and will be presented in October to the Board before forwarding to the Dix Conservancy. Additionally, the Mt. Hope Landscape Plan will be presented in October to the Board.

Local nomination applications for Mt. Hope and City Cemetery have been submitted to Tania Tully. The application will be submitted in November to Council for approval.

Maintenance Committee- Will meet next when there is work to complete.

Outreach and Programming Committee- The final recording with Betsy Shaw for the City Cemetery tour has been. Discussions are in progress about where the tour will reside for public access. Terry mentioned she assisted with a local bike tour of cemeteries. This may be something the Board wants to help with again in the future.

Staff Report

Camera- Wayne note that the Peace Plot camera is up, running, and functioning! Staff recently received access to the camera footage.

The fencing project at City Cemetery is scheduled for completion by 2/9/18. The contract for the mausoleum projects (City Cemetery and Mount Hope Cemetery) has been executed. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for early October and the project timeline is 180 days.

Headstone repairs at Mt. Hope Cemetery have been completed.

Ryan noted that he located a headstone near a creek adjacent to Mt. Hope Cemetery. He will get a quote to retrieve the headstone from the creek.

Wayne noted that he received an email from a local tour company. The company has been accessing City Cemetery after-hours which is against City ordinance. Raleigh's Historic Cemeteries are excluded from the list of sites allowing private use of public spaces, therefore the company has been contacted asking them cease accessing the cemetery after hours.

Wayne noted that the Parks, Recreation, and Greenway Advisory Board has set the date of 12/14/2017 to hold its annual Holiday Board Social at 5 Points Center for Active Adults. All members of the Historic Cemeteries Advisory Board are invited to attend.

Chair's Report

No report

RCCP Report

Jane mentioned that a new brochure map has been prepared for Mount Hope Cemetery.

Additionally, Raleigh City Cemetery Preservation, Inc. held its annual meeting at the All Saint's Chapel where the completion of the 9-year renovation of the Peace Plot was celebrated.

New Business

Wayne reviewed the Draft Expenditure Plan with the Baord. Jane mentioned that RCCP may want to fund raise for the Watson Mausoleum restoration work.

Wayne distributed the Annual Report from Historic Resources and Museum Program.

Wayne announced to the Board his retirement effective January 1, 2018.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Historic Cemeteries Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

END OF REPORT